

Remarks

Claims 21-35 are in the application, of which claim 21 is independent form. Claims 1-20 are cancelled.

Drawing FIG. 4 is added to depict the molding machine, mold cavity, and moldable material described at paragraph [0018].

In the specification, paragraph [0008] is amended to correct a typographical error; paragraph [0012.1] is added to describe new drawing FIG. 4; and paragraphs [0014] through [0018] are amended for clarification in accordance with the examiner's suggestion in the parent application, to change "breach 18" to --breach portion 18-- and to change "muzzle 30" to --muzzle portion 30--. Paragraph [0018] is also amended to add reference numerals corresponding to the moldable material (42) and molding equipment (44) shown in new FIG. 4.


Inventor's Declaration

The original signed declaration was filed in the grandparent application, No. 09/312,205. Unfortunately, Applicant is unable to locate a retained copy of the signed declaration. In lieu of a copy of the signed declaration, Applicant has submitted with this divisional application an unsigned copy of the declaration bearing an indication that it was signed, namely the mark "/s/" on the signature line. See 37 CFR 1.63(d)(1)(iv) ("A newly executed oath or declaration is not required . . . in a continuation or divisional application, provided that: . . . a copy of the executed oath or declaration filed in the prior application, showing the signature or an indication thereon that it was signed, is submitted for the continuation or divisional application.") (emphasis added).

Applicant presents the claims for examination.

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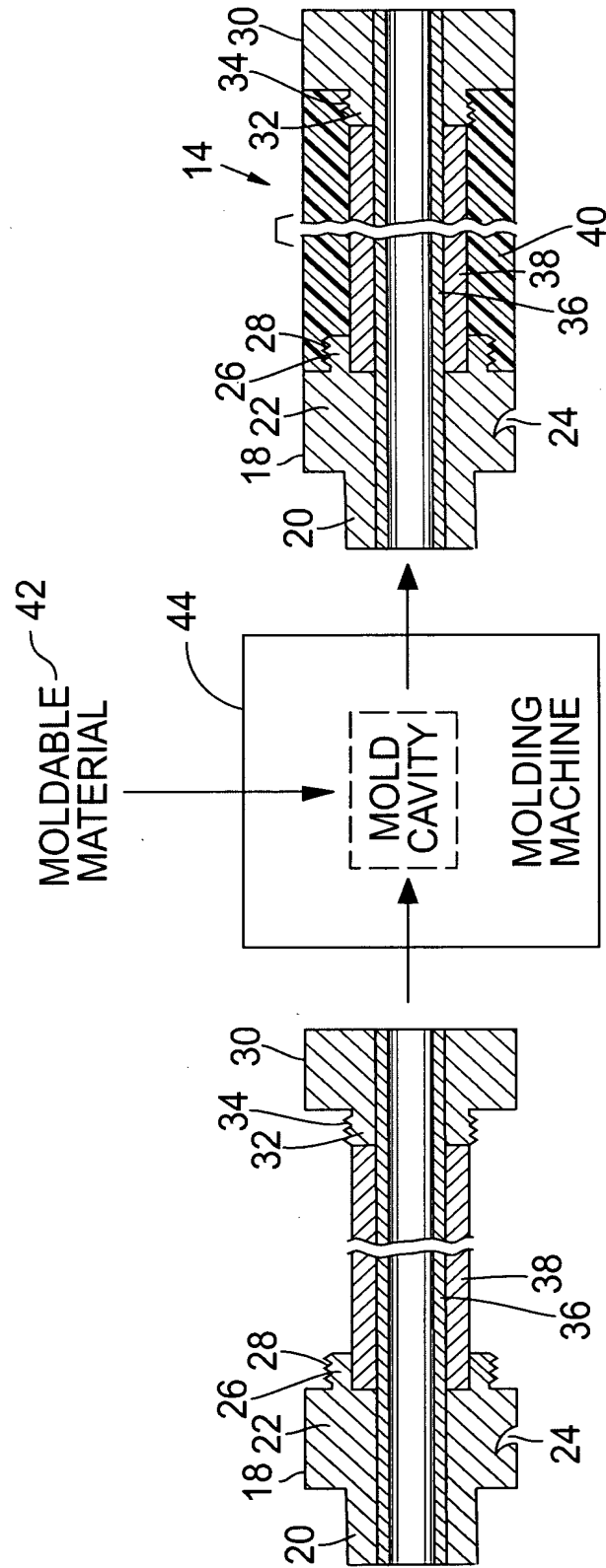


FIG. 4